Discrimination in import Policy for Small Scale sector

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided not to allow items being produced in the country under the reservation policy for the small scale sector;

(b) if so, why not apply this decision to middle and big sector;

(c) whether our medium and big industries are not producing quality goods at competitive price at inter national level ;

(d) why not boost local industries without discrimination and consider their intermediate inputs as deemed exports if they are on pa r with international standards; and

(e) if so, the details about one dozen major items permitted to be imported in our country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Under the current liberalised Export and Import Policy, all items may be imported freely except to the extent they are regulated by the Negative List of Imports or any other provision of this Policy. Only a few items relating to the small scale sector are covered by the Negative List of imports and their mport is estricted.

(c) Recent trends in the Indian industry have shown that many manufacturers have acquired the ISO 9000 (Series) quality certification which reflects the quality of Indian products at international level.

(d) Procurements of imports from indigenous sources is already being encouraged with deemed exports status by the holders of licences under the Duty Exemption Scheme.

(e) Major items of import are petroleum and petroleum products, machinery and machine tools, organic chemicals, inorganic chemicals, fertilizers, artificial resins, pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, iron and steel, transport equipment, project goods, professional instruments, optical goods and non-ferrous metals.

Plant variety protection under GATT

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the main difference between 1978 version of UPOV and 1991;

(b) what is the Sui Generis system in UPOV 1978 and 1991;

(c) whether a farmer having bought the protected seed by the patents would be able to keep back a part of the harvested material to be used for sowing in successive crops under UPOV 1978 or 1991;

(d) what are the details of plant variety protection; and